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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

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Entitled: METHOD OF AND APARATUS FOR REMOVING A FILM LAYER ON A GLASS PLATE AND  
GLASS PLALTE WORKING APARATUS HAVING THE APPARATUS

and including attachments as noted below:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☐ Abstract

41 pages of specification and claims (including 8 numbered claims), and

8 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 8.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:**Application Number****Country****Day/Month/Year Filed**

2000-193196

Japan

27 June 2000

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on October 8, 2001 in prior appln. no. 09/885,446 filed June 21, 2001☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/885,446, filed June 21, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.☒ The prior application is assigned to Bando Kiko Co., Ltd., Tokushima, Japan.☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.☒ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:**FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED**

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